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USE OF ORGANIC MANURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of organic manure has proved more beneficial than the use of chemical fertilizers;

(b) if so, the assistance being provided by the Government to the farmers to encourage the use of organic manure; and

(c) the steps being taken to increase the production capacity of organic manure in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):

(a) Use of organic manure in conjunction with chemical fertilizers (Integrated Nutrient Management) has proved to be more beneficial than the use of chemical fertilizers alone.

(b) The Government is providing assistance under the `National Project on Organic Farming` for training of farmers on organic farms, organization of field demonstrations on organic inputs and farmer`s fair and field demonstrations on utilization of enriched bio-gas slurry. Apart from this, the Council of Agricultural Research is also imparting regular training to farmers on Integrated Nutrient Management and demonstrating its usefulness on farmers fields.

(c) To increase the production capacity of organic manure in the country, assistance is being provided under the Scheme `National Project on Organic farming` for setting up fruit/vegetable wastes compost units and Vermiculture Hatcheries. Under the Scheme of Macro Management of Agriculture, assistance is also being given for setting up of compost plants for producing organic manure from city wastes.